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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed January 11, 2005, applicant elects the invention of species 2(a) (drawn to Figs. 1-8) and subspecies 3(a)(i) (drawn to a spherical terminal end), 3(b)(i) (drawn to a terminal end opening formed by a cut), 3(c)(i) (drawn to moving the cutter by "[r]otating an inner member to cause off-axis movement of the cutter. The inner member rotates axially and cutter rotates in a direction perpendicular to the direction of the inner member"), and 3(d)(ii) (drawn to end cutting on tissue by "slicing, grabbing, and shearing"). The election is made with traverse. The features identified as subspecies and identified by Roman numeral in paragraph 3 do not in all instances indicate separate subspecies.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 11- 37 are readable on the elected species and subspecies, with claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11-13, 15-23, and 27- 37 being generic.

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Respectfully submitted,

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